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Case No.: PHA 23,891
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FARRELL L. OSTLER, ET AL.)
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Serial No.: 09/466,405)
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Filed: DECEMBER 17, 1999)
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For: BRANCH INSTRUCTIONS WITH)
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Examiner: MEONSKE, T.

Group Art Unit: 2183

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents :-
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Dear Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002, please enter the
following amendment and remarks in the above-identified application: